

Revitalization Tools and Techniques: Getting to Groundbreaking

May 10, 2018 | Stevens Point Holiday Inn Convention Center
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program

- 8:00** Check-in & Registration
Coffee & Pastries
- 9:00** Opening Remarks
Mayor Mike Wiza – Stevens Point
Darsi Foss – Director, RR Program
- 9:15** Brownfield Basics: DNR Resources for Your Community
Christine Haag – Brownfields Section Chief, RR Program
Meet the DNR's brownfields specialists and learn about the tools and resources available to your community to assist with your cleanup and redevelopment projects and ideas.
- 9:45** Communities, Consultants and the DNR
Tauren Beggs – Hydrogeologist, RR Program
Judy Fassbender – Policy & Technical Resources Section Chief, RR Program
Steve Martin – South Central Region Team Leader, RR Program
Margaret Renas, P.E., LEED AP O+M, Lead, Community and Brownfield Redevelopment, Delta Institute (Moderator)
Former consultants – now RR Program staff – share insights and advice about building successful partnerships and managing expectations with environmental professionals who can be important resources for your community.
- 10:30** Break
- 10:45** Washington County's Collaborative Site Assessment Initiative
Debora Sielski – Deputy Administrator, Washington County Planning & Parks Dept.
Christian Tscheschlok – Executive Director, Washington County Economic Development
Learn how Washington County collaborated with multiple municipalities to apply for and obtain EPA funding for brownfield assessment work and proactively create an impressive county-wide site redevelopment program.
- 11:30** Lunch
Your entrée selection...served at your table.

Brownfield: A former industrial or commercial site where future use is affected by real or perceived environmental contamination.
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- 12:30** Federal Brownfields Assistance for Local Government
Margaret Renas, P.E., LEED AP O+M, Lead, Community and Brownfield Redevelopment, Delta Institute
Don't overlook federal partnerships when you're planning a redevelopment project. The EPA, HUD, USDA and others can be vital partners. The TAB Program from EPA may be helpful with grant writing and other technical services, free of charge.
- 1:00** Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Grant Programs
Jason Scott – Regional Director, Community Development
Shawn Theis – Program Manager
Learn about WEDC's grant programs and its eligibility requirements. You'll also get helpful hints and perspectives from a WEDC underwriting specialist.
- 1:30** Regional Breakouts: Meet, Greet & Treats
RR Program Regional Team Supervisors
RR Program Regional Land Recycling Team Members
Central Office Brownfields Staff and Management
"Brownfield Brownies" and an opportunity to meet and mingle with RR Program staff and managers at the region-specific tables near the back of the room.
- 2:00** Brownfield Project Perspectives I: Local Government
April Kroner – Director, Planning and Development – Ashland
Patrick Schloss – Manager, Community Development – West Allis
Nicolas Sparacio – Director, Community Development – Manitowoc
Darsi Foss – Director, RR Program (Moderator)
Successful brownfield redevelopment projects can turn a neighborhood around, and putting brownfields back to work can be a good investment. Our guest speakers can tell you why they took on local redevelopment projects and the benefits of doing so.
- 2:45** Municipal Cost Recovery and the Umpire Process
Edward (Ned) Witte – Godfrey & Kahn S.C.
State law authorizes LGUs to negotiate with parties responsible for contamination to allow those parties to share the costs of, and cooperate in, cleanup action on land owned by the LGU. Learn how a DNR-appointed "umpire" can help negotiate those costs and get you to an agreeable solution.
- 3:15** Brownfield Project Perspectives II: Real Estate Developers
Jon Hepner – Development Manager, T. Wall Enterprises, LLC
Joe Schwenker – Senior Project Manager, Bear Development
Randy Stadtmueller – President, Stadtmueller & Associates
Patrick Schloss – Manager, Community Development – West Allis (Moderator)
Learn the secrets of leveraging risk and reward from these successful developers who have taken on the redevelopment of some challenging brownfields sites in Wisconsin.
- 4:00** Closing Remarks
Darsi Foss – Director, RR Program
Christine Haag – Brownfields Section Chief, RR Program